



To: Park Board  
From: Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation  
Date: December 1, 2020  
Re: Park rules

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In an effort to formally add rules of the parks and park facilities, I am seeking your approval of a resolution with such rules to forward on to the Town Council for their consideration. The Town Council attorney has advised that we should look to put park rules into an ordinance form so citations that are issued show a clear violation of a published ordinance.

I am suggesting that we formally begin the process of putting the following rules in place at your next meeting with a resolution based upon your input on the below suggestions from staff.

1. All parks open at 6am and close at dusk daily, except those activities, programs and events previously authorized or permitted by the department.
2. Alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited. Centennial Park Golf is allowed to serve alcohol according to the liquor license that covers that park. No outside liquor is permitted to be brought into the park.
3. Household pets are not allowed in parks except for dogs that are under the control of their owner by a leash. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Dog park members are allowed to remove the dog from leash in the off-leash dog park at Centennial Park with a current membership.
4. Unauthorized use of the dog park at Centennial Park will result in a fine to all parties liable.
5. Swimming is prohibited in all public bodies of water in the park system except for the Munster Community Park Pool during open hours of operation.
6. Operation of any watercraft are prohibited.
7. Snowmobiling and downhill skiing are prohibited in parks.
8. Snow sledding is only allowed in areas designated for such use.
9. No go-karts, mopeds, snowmobiles, or any other motor driven vehicle shall be operated in any of the parks, except for in designated parking lots and driveways. Town and contractor authorized vehicles are also permitted for park maintenance and patrol.
10. Golfing is prohibited in all parks, except at the Centennial Park golf course. Wiffleball golfing is allowed as long as divots are replaced.
11. Camping is prohibited in any Town of Munster park.

12. Open burning, fireworks, charcoal and gas grills are prohibited in all parks.
13. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and bike riding is not allowed on any tennis or pickleball court.
14. Persons displaying permits have priority usage of shelters, fields and courts.
15. The moving or relocating of soccer goals is not permitted without prior approval.
16. Groups of 15 or more must obtain a permit to use a park shelter or any park facility.
17. Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of entryways, spectator areas, and playgrounds. (this is already in sec. 18-56 in Town Code).
18. No hunting on park property.
19. Advertising signs are prohibited. No person shall place any sign, advertisement, circular or notice in the park without permission from the department head.
20. Commercial enterprises are prohibited, concessioneering without a permit. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege or service within or adjacent to the park without a permit from the department.
21. No person shall bring into, leave behind, dump or litter with material of any kind in a park except refuse, garbage and other material arising from normal use and enjoyment which shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
22. No person shall injure, deface, destroy, defoul, regrade or remove any part of the park or any building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein; nor shall any person maliciously cut down, destroy or injure a standing or growing vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree, or flower on park property.

Violations of park rules and regulations established by the Board of Parks and Recreation are subject to a \$500 fine.